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King County Community Organizing Program Board Meeting Summary April 28, 2009

Board Members present: Liz Wilhelm, Kitsap County Health District, DFC Grant Coordinator, Chair; Mark Howard, City of Seattle Police Department, Co Chair and Kim Walker, Maple Valley Drug Free Communities.

Staff Members Present: Laura Edwards, Program Manager, Laura Quinn and Stefanie Fox, Community Organizers.

- **OPENING AND UPDATES**

Everyone gave personal and professional updates.

- **PROGRAM: BGLAD Video Project in cooperation with YES (Youth Eastside Services)**

Megan, the Community Outreach worker for Youth Eastside Services (YES) and Brandon, one of the video project's youth, presented the history of this video project. The main goal was to videotape LGBTQA (Lesbian, Gay, Bi Sexual, Transgender, Questioning and allied) youth commenting on what life is like for them as Queer youth living in the Eastside of King County.

They have been working on this video for more than 2 years with the assistance of several Community Organizing mini grants. They are planning on the edited version of the video to be ready for public presentation in this summer. They showed us the raw footage of the young people explaining "coming out" as a Queer identified youth in East King County.

After viewing the 20 minutes of footage Megan and Brandon asked for feedback on the segments so they can incorporate good suggestions into their editing process.

- **ORGANIZER REPORTS:**

Greater Seattle: Stefanie Fox, Organizer

Stefanie reported on her work with the Community Enhancement project in Skyway, specifically she discussed efforts to bring Clean Dreams, a pre-arrest diversion program that's been highly successful in other parts of King County, into the area. Stefanie also mentioned the work she's been doing with a youth intern from American Friends Service Committee to convene a coalition of LGBT service providers in the Seattle area.

- **BOARD BUSINESS**

Legislative Updates:

Liz gave an update on the issues that Washington Association of Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention (WASAVP) are watching at the State level.

Program Updates:

Laura reported that she attended a meeting with other Community Mobilization Contractors to discuss possible options for Community Mobilization if it needs to move to another State Department.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 26th, 2009 at WSU King County Extension
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
200 Mill Avenue South
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Renton, WA 98057